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to the

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

PLANNING FOR READINESS

POSITIONING OF PACOM FORCES (U)

1. The enclosed memorandum by the J-3, dated 2 April 1959, is submitted herewith for consideration by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
2. A telephone vote is requested.

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Joint Secretariat.

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MEMORANDUM BY THE J-3

for the
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on

PLANNING FOR READINESS POSITIONING OF PACOM FORCES (U)

References: a. J.C.S. Message 956632*
b. CINCPAC Message 240352Z**

2 April 1959

1. Problem. To furnish a response from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to a proposal by CINCPAC for a force to be made available for deployment to the Persian Gulf/Arabian Sea Area should the occasion arise. 1
2. Information. Reference a directed CINCPAC to be prepared to deploy appropriate fleet elements to the Persian Gulf Area should the Joint Chiefs of Staff determine that the situation in the Middle East requires stabilization. CINCPAC was invited to comment as to the composition of this force. The reference further directed initiation of certain submarine surveillance operations which are extremely sensitive in nature. Reference b, in response to reference a, proposes a recommended force to be made available by CINCPAC in the Persian Gulf/Arabian Sea Area if conditions so dictate. Reference b further indicates action has been taken to provide submarine surveillance. The Enclosure hereto approves for planning the composition of the Persian Gulf/Arabian Sea force and provides additional guidance on the determination of future force requirements for this area. 18
3. Recommended Action. It is recommended that the message in the Appendix hereto be approved for release. It should be transmitted as soon as practicable after approval; however, there is no specific deadline before which it must be transmitted. 22

APPENDIX

D R A F T

TO : CINCPAC
FROM : JCS WASH DC
INFO : USCINCEUR
CINCNELM

TOP SECRET FROM JCS. Ref CINCPAC DTG 240352Z

March 1959.

Proposed composition your Persian Gulf force appears appropriate at this time and is approved for planning. It should be recognized that forces and concept of operation required this area will be determined in light of situation prevailing. Heat and humidity conditions recognized. There is no intention load forces or maintain them at sea for longer than minimum period necessary to deal with emergency situation requiring their employment. Unless otherwise advised 1 May initiation Vlad and Petro surveillance satisfactory. No funds or forces in addition to those now available to you will be provided at this time.

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